

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
(Utility Patent Application)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below), of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **OPTICAL GRATING BASED MULTIPLEXER DEVICE WITH POWER TAP CAPABILITY** (Optovia 5), the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, code of Federal Regulations SECTION 1.56 (a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under section 119 of Title 35, United States code for the above-identified US patent application based on the patent or inventor's certificate identified below and having a filing date before that of the US patent application for which priority is claimed:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Priority claimed under 35 USC 119</u>
NONE			

I hereby claim the benefit under section 120 of title 35 of the United States Code of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by section 112 of Title 35 of the United States Code, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information, as defined in Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
		<u>Patented</u> <u>Pending</u> <u>Abandoned</u>
NONE		

Power of Attorney:

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint: Irwin Ostroff (Reg. No. 26,013) and Erwin W. Pfeifle (Reg. No. 25,745), as my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent And Trademark Office in connection therewith.

Direct all correspondence to: Irwin Ostroff, Esquire
OSTROFF & ASSOCATES
3 Lackawanna Boulevard
Murray Hill, New Jersey 07974

Direct all telephone calls to: (908) 464-0248.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the

United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Inventors :

Full name: Cheng Hsing Commonwealth of Massachusetts
last first Middle County of Middlesex
Post Office Address: 1076 Queensbridge Court
San Jose, CA 95120
Residence Address: 1076 Queensbridge Court
San Jose, CA 95120
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 21 day of October 2003
Joan M. Farrell
JOAN M. FARRELL, Notary Public
My Commission Expires 7-24-2004

Citizenship: U.S.

Date: October 21, 2003

Signature: Hsiung Cheng

Full name: Khazaei Hamid R.
last first Middle

Post Office Address: 50 Tenney Road
Westford, Massachusetts 01886

Residence Address: 50 Tenney Road
Westford, Massachusetts 01886

Citizenship: Canada

Date: October 21, 2003

Signature: H. R. Khazaei

Full name: Singh Harmeet
last first Middle

Post Office Address: 14 Deacon Hunt Drive
Acton, Massachusetts 01720

Residence Address: 14 Deacon Hunt Drive
Acton, Massachusetts 01720

Citizenship: India

Date: October 21, 2003

Signature: H. Singh

Full name: Squires Emily M.
last first Middle

Post Office Address: 57 Orchid Drive
Littleton, Massachusetts 01460

Residence Address: 57 Orchid Drive
Littleton, Massachusetts 01460

Citizenship: U.S.

Date: October 21, 2003

Signature: Emily M. Squires